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The International Secretariat of OMCT requests your urgent intervention in the following situation in **East Timor**.

Brief description of the situation:
The international Secretariat has been informed by reliable sources of the grave concerns for the physical and psychological integrity of four East Timorese persons whose current whereabouts are unknown.

According to the nformation received, **Moises Lobato Pereira** (29) from Kampung Baru, **Sebastiao Pereira** (29) from Lavateri, sub-district of Baguia, son of Sico Resi and Tufu Onu, **Sidonio Ximenes** (35) from Lavateri, sub-district of Baguia, and **Domingas da Costa** (23, female) from Kampung Samaguia, Tequinomata, sub-district of Laga, daughter of Augusto Cabral and Augustinha Batista were arrested on 4 April 1997.

The source indicates that the four were arrested by members of "Team Saka" - an anti-guerilla unit of about 300 East Timorese men who have been recruited into the Indonesian army. It is believed that **Domingas da Costa** and **Sidonio Ximenes** were suspected of working for a clandestine pro-independence organization. The reasons behind the arrest of other two are unknown.

According to information received, the four people were kicked and beaten with rifle butts. **Lobato Pereira** sustained a broken rib, and **Da Costa** had the palms of her hands cut They were then taken to the headquarters of the SGI (Kopassus, Special Forces Command) at Kota Baru in Baucau (known as "Rumah Merah" or "Red House"). It is alleged that they were severely tortured by members of the SGI forces there.

Members of their families attempted to visit the detainees at the "Red House" but were informed that the four had been taken to Dili. Their current whereabouts are unknown. Under the circumstances OMCT can only fear for the physical and psychological integrity of the four persons.

Action requested:
Please write to the Indonesian authorities urging them to

i immediately locate the whereabouts and guarantee the physical and psychological integrity of **Moises Lobat, Pereira Sebastião, Domingas da Costa** and **Sidonio Ximenes**, including providing immediate appropriate medical treatment, and access to family and independant legal representation;

ii order their immediate release in the absence of valid charges or if such charges exist, assure that the accused be brought before a competent and impartial civil tribunal and guarantee their procedural rights at all times;

iii carry out an impartial and thorough investigation into the events identify those responsible and impose upon them the civil, penal and/or administrative sanctions provided by law

iv to ensure in all circumstances the full respect of human rights and fundamental freedoms in accordance with national and international standards.

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